

FAUROT -- It seems to me that you ought to have some one examine the transcript of Faurot's testimony in important finger-print cases wherein he has testified. Look particularly for Faurot's answers to the question: How long will finger-prints endure?

Faurot took part in a test of finger-print duration made by the New York World's photographic department in 1911, in which his own imprints on an iron safe door faded out completely in less than five days. SEE Wehde-Beffel book, pp 64-65.

Your best way, I think, of ascertaining cases in which Faurot has given finger-print testimony would be to have some one go through the literature on the subject in the reference department of the New York Public Library. This has the best collection on the subject in any public library that I know of.

Look under the subjects: Finger-prints, Identification, Criminal Identification, Faurot, in the card index in Room 315 at the public library.

Look first through the magazine and newspaper articles by Faurot, and newspaper interviews with him. He has been a great publicity getter in this field.

SEE the Periodical Index back as far as 1903 for magazine articles under the above subjects. This index is in Room 315 at the NYPL, and can be found in any public library.

See the files of the Finger-Print Magazine in the NYPL for references to case in which Faurot has testified.

Another excellent reference library, which has some finger-print material not in the NYPL, is the Municipal Reference Library, in the Municipal Building. Access to books, magazines, and newspaper files there can be had without explanation as to the applicant's identity. That library has clean files of the New York Times and New York World, and it is much cleaner and less crowded than the NYPL.

Sincerely,

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